FREE MASONRY AND THE HOLY BIBLE

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INTRODUCTION

Friends and foes of Freemasonry agree that the Institution is "ancient" – ancient in the sense that it has existed from time immemorial. In fact, the precise origin of Freemasonry is yet to be ascertained, as the early records are lost. Much of its Ritual and many of its symbols, passed on from one generation to another largely by means of oral repetitions, instructions, and lectures, have all the marks of antiquity. Some of the legends of Freemasonry carry us back into ante-diluvian history, back to the days of Enoch. Others have to do with the patriarchal days of Israel's history, with Moses and with Israel's early history in the occupation of the Holy Land. The Ritual and symbols are replete with the days of king Solomon of Israel and the building of the Temple. Like all other civilizing institutions of history, Freemasonry has passed through periods of suppression and darkness, and at times was completely lost in historical records, even though it may have been kept alive and perpetuated by secret agencies, and in caves of underground activities.

It is contended by Freemasons themselves that the Institution has been "honorable" from time immemorial; this contention is freely acknowledged by most students of history, by men of leadership in world affairs, by men of letters, who have not enjoyed the privileges of inside information concerning the mysteries, tenets, principles, symbols, and legends of the institution. It is almost universally recognized that men have been, and are, advanced in morals, elevated in the nobler virtues of life, induced to better living, and indued with high spiritual qualities as a result of membership in the Fraternity and through obedience to its principles and precepts.

So far as recorded history has been preserved, it is a well established fact that men of the highest eminence, monarchs, patriots, statesmen, dignitaries in religious and educational institutions, and recognized leaders in every movement for the advance of the race and for the progress of civilization have counted it both an honor and a privilege to have a place in Freemasonry and to devote their energies to the promotion and security of the Fraternity. In fact, membership in the Order contributed much to the qualifications and proficiencies of their services to humanity and to society. Many in the early history of Scotland, England, and France are reported, with reasonable authenticity, to have been Masons. The great majority of the fifty-six signers of the American Declaration of Independence were Masons; George Washington was famed as a Mason; it is authentically reported that most of the generals in the Revolutionary War were Masons; fifteen of the men who have occupied the White House at Washington as presidents have been Masons, and two others had proposed to unite with the Order, but were overtaken by death before these proposals were carried out.

It is generally recognized that originally the principles and rituals of Freemasonry were confined to the "Blue Lodge," which included what is now known as "Royal Arch Masonry." Dating back to about the fifteenth century, higher Orders and Degrees of Freemasonry came into being. Thus we have today what is commonly known as the "York Rite," including Templar Masonry, which belongs quite exclusively to the Christian Era, and received its greatest impetus during the Crusades. "Scottish Rite" Masonry consists mostly of an enlargement and development of Ancient Craft Masonry, based upon legends which present an ever enlarging significance in the application of Freemasonry. There is a succession of allegories in "Scottish Rite" Masonry, some of them given in "Side Orders," and all of them serving as vehicles for great lessons in philosophy and morality, representing a continuous climb up the slope of the mountain of Truth.

The "York Rite" and the "Scottish Rite" are distinct "systems" of Freemasonry, but they work harmoniously together, and may be regarded in a more general sense as a single fraternity. Membership in the Blue Lodge is necessary for advancement in both of these systems.

Referring to the generally accepted claim that Freemasonry is an "ancient and honorable" institution, there are unmistakable evidences that for centuries prior to the organization of the first Grand Lodge in England, which took place in 1717, there were local Lodges of Freemasons scattered throughout England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland. Documents have been preserved showing that the Craft was widely known as far back as A.D. 926. The ceremonies of hundreds of Lodges for some eight centuries prior to the organization of the mother Grand Lodge in London, which existed throughout England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland, were practically identical. It is true also that the Rites and Ceremonies, the symbols and tenets of Freemasonry throughout the world today are practically identical with those of these early centuries in the history of those countries. Thus the antiquity of Freemasonry is sustained by the uniformity which has prevailed for a thousand years, and which quite certainly prevailed from time immemorial in Lodges whose records have been lost.

Some unique statements are found in Masonic history by authorities within the Fraternity, evidently well founded by traditions, even though treated as absurdities by many commentators outside the Order. Examples of these statements may be quoted. Rev. James Anderson, whose writings were published in England in 1723, says that "Grand Master Moses often marshalled the Israelites into a regular and general lodge while in the wilderness." Again he says that "King Solomon was Grand Master of the lodge at Jerusalem." In a later work, published in 1738, he says that "Zerubbabel was provincial Grand Master in Judah." After referring to noblemen of both England and France as active in Freemasonry, he speaks especially of the activities of England's king Aethelstan in Freemasonry at the city of York in A.D. 926.

A goodly number of historical documents relating to Freemasonry, dating from the eighteenth back to the fourteenth centuries, have been preserved in the archives of England. These documents bear testimony to the unbroken perpetuity of Masonic Lodges from the earliest periods of English history, to the notable religious moral, ethical and elevating character of the Institution, to the uniformity of the Rites and Ceremonies, to the eminence and nobility of many of its adherents, and to the far reaching influence of Freemasonry favoring freedom, liberty, justice, and righteousness. Some of these documents record the introduction of Freemasonry into England from Egypt, suggesting that it originated in that country from the Israelites. Others present the idea that Masonic Lodges of those earlier periods were composed of both Operative and Speculative Masons, and that the interest and welfare of Operative Masons were prominent in the aims and purposes of the Fraternity.

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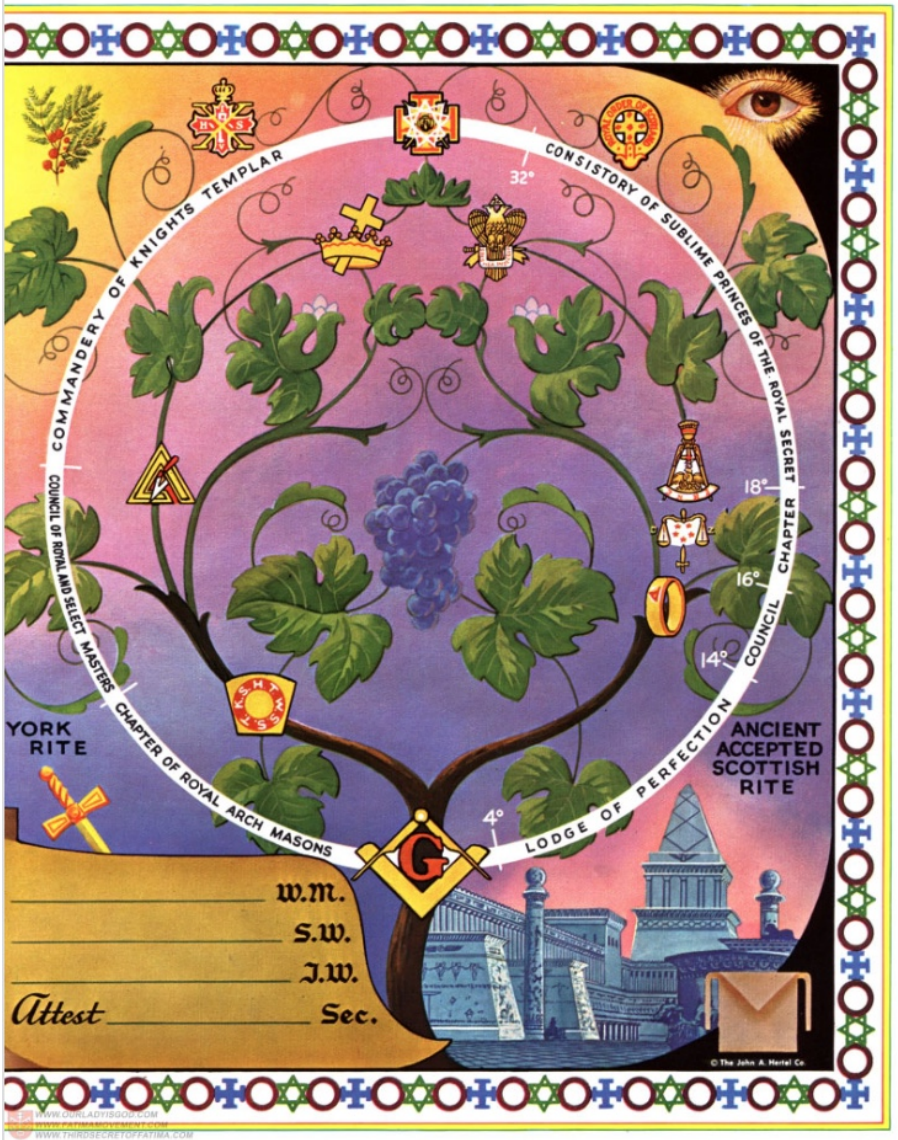

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"From Darkness to Light"

"*Symbols of Freemasonry*"

Symbols of Freemasonry

It has been correctly stated that "the symbol constitutes the very essence of Freemasonry." Freemasonry is essentially a science of symbolism. In the English lectures Freemasonry is defined to be "a peculiar system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." It might be better to say that *Freemasonry is a system of morality developed and*

tive, a myth, or a legend, brought before the mind only by words; it is then a symbol only and not an emblem.

"*Origins of Masonic Symbols*"

The Origin of Masonic Symbols

Freemasonry was founded as a speculative science on an operative art. It therefore took the working tools of the profession which it spiritualizes, and made them the sym-

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House of Saud US Control
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Was a
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